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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §1.97 (b)(3)

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant directs the attention of the Examiner to the thirty-three (33) reference(s) listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Reference AT1 is a brochure of ANGUS Chemical Company identified as "TB69". The attached copy of the brochure bears a copyright date of 1999. However, an earlier edition of this brochure is referred to in U.S. Patent No. 5,422,073 at lines 23-31 of column 2. The '073 patent was issued on June 6, 1995, and is based on an application filed on June 17, 1993. It is therefore believed that an earlier version of the brochure was published at some point prior to June 17, 1993.

Reference AP1 is a European patent application corresponding to PCT Publication No. WO 98/20912 (i.e., Reference AO1). Both references were published after the priority date of the present application (i.e., December 13, 1996 and November 17, 1997), and therefore neither reference constitutes prior art relative to the present application under 35

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U.S.C. §102(a) or §102(b). (The filing date of the PCT application corresponding to PCT Publication No. WO 98/20912 was November 12, 1997, but the PCT application was not published in the English language. Consequently, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §102(e)(1), this reference is not available as a prior art reference as of the filing date of the PCT application.) Moreover, these references do not disclose the use of low molecular weight amino alcohols to enhance the antimicrobial activity of ophthalmic compositions.

So far as the undersigned attorney can determine, there is no U.S. patent corresponding to References AP1 and AO1. It is believed that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/101,062 (filed on June 29, 1998) corresponds to these references. However, the File Information Unit of the USPTO has informed the undersigned attorney that Serial No. 09/101,062 is now abandoned.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed references be considered during prosecution of this application, and that the references appear among the References Cited on any patent issuing herefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AR2	ANGUS Chemical Company Marketing Benchmarks AMB 51, "Tris Amino® (Tris Buffer) Applications in Eye-Care Pharmaceuticals", page 1-4, (2000)					
	AS2	Harper, et al.; "Simple Additives to Increase the Activity of Chlorhexidine Digluconate Against Urinary Pathogens", Paraplegia, vol. 21, pages 86-93, (1983)					
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